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SUBJ: REPLACEMENT OF UNTSO COLONEL

REF: USUN 616

1. WE SHARE USUN VIEW THAT MAJOR, PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT, CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH SUSMO APPOINTMENT IS RETENTION BY US OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER (COO) POSITION AT UNSTO HQ. IT SEEMS TO US, HOWEVER, THAT WHETHER HE OR ANOTHER LT. COL. SERVES AS SUSMO WILL NOT SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON THIS QUESTION.

2. SOVIETS, ALBEIT AFTER SOME COMPLAINING, SEEM TO HAVE ACCEPTED IDEA (FOR PRESENT AT LEAST) OF NO SIVIET OFFICER BEING ASSIGNED TO UNTSO HEADQUARTERS. SHOULD THEY DECIDE TO PRESS ISSUE ANEW, IT WOULD SEEM TO US TO MAKE LITTLE DIFFERENCE WHETHER COO IS ALSO SUSMO. IN FACT, IF US HAD TWO LT. COLONELS, SOVIETS COULD ARGUE THAT BALANCE CALLED FO RELIMINATION OF ONE (COO) OR ADDITION OF SECOND SOVIET LT. COL.

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3. WE CANNOT ENTIRELY DISCOUNT USUN CONCERN RE POSSIBLE SOVIET

CHARGE THAT COO UNABLE PERFORM DUTIES SATISFACTORILY IF ALSO
GIVEN SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUSMO. HOWEVER, WE ARE
INCLINED TO BELIEVE SOVIETS NOT LIKELY TO MAKE SUCH COMPLAINT
SINCE DESIGNATION OF SUSMO IS PURELY US (NOT UN) ARRANGEMENT
DESIGNED MAINLY TO SERVE INTERNAL US ADMIN PURPOSES. SOVIETS
WOULD NEVER ACCEPT ANY CRITICISM OF ITS OWN COMPARABLE ADMIN
ARRANGEMENTS AND IT SEEMS SOMEWHAT IMPROBABLE TO US THAT THEY
WOULD MAKE SUCH CRITICISM OF US. "SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES"
IN ANY EVENT ARE NOT ONEROUS AND ARE IN LARGE MEASURE CARRIED
OUT BY COO AT PRESENT (E.G. BRIEFING OF NEW ARRIVALS, ETC.)
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